



Former MLB catcher Jeff Reed and sister Indira cut the ribbon for Joey Ras' Roadside Café

Joey Ras comes from a family of hardworking restaurant and bar owners. His parents owned their first Joey's Drive In restaurant in Savaneta, a popular must-have-been-there-at-least-once watering hole. Joe Sr. and his wife thought their kids all they had to know about the restaurant, catering and bar business from their experiences. There Joey and Indira were always with mom and dad and they helped out, attending to clients for as far back as they can recall. There is also where they met Major League Baseball Catcher Jeffrey Reed, who has since been a friend of the family and would drop in every year when he comes here on vacation. Later, when the Ras family moved their establishment to the hotel area, to Casa del Mar, where they got raving reviews from guests. Not too long ago, they made a third and what seems to be their final move, to the Bubali Commercial Center, where they have as closest neighbors Video One, Sun & Shade Optica and Best Buy.

When Joey Ras decided for a career change, he had just left his job at Marriott Resort where he even boasted the prestigious Employee of the Year award as one of his accomplishments. He did not know yet what he wanted to do. Then, one day he got an idea and let his imagination and determination take its course.

On Thursday, he opened his first venture, next to Joey's restaurant, he added his own Roadside Café. Jeff Reed, who had caught up with at their new location via a friendly cab driver who knew the Ras, together with Joey's sister and in the presence of many invitees, was invited to cut the ribbon, guaranteeing good luck and great times for Roadside Café.

NEWS photos show the Ras and the Reeds after the ribbon cutting, Indira and Jeff cutting the ribbon, and Joey behind the bar with his three bartenders.